

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 21, 2010

SCHEDULE FOR : March 21, 2010 – March 27, 2010

Sunday	Lenten Mission Introduction	All Masses
Sunday	Children's Liturgy of the Word	9:30 a.m.
Monday	Lenten Mission with Mass	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday	Lenten Mission with Mass	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday	Mass	12:05 p.m.
Wednesday	Men of Mary Group Attend Mass/Recite Rosary	6:30 a.m.
Wednesday	Children's Choir Practice Ministries Building	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Adult Choir Practice Ministries Building	6:30 p.m.
Thursday	Mass	12:05 p.m.
Friday	Way of the Cross In Church	5:30 p.m.
Saturday	CCD First Communion Class Ministries Building	8:00 a.m.

The Cemetery Office will be closed
Thursday, March 25 and Friday, March 26.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

MARCH 14, 2010

Regular Collection \$ 9,938.25

Second Collection:

Capital Campaign \$ 3,201.50

Thank You.

This Weekend

BISHOP'S SERVICES APPEAL

Next Weekend

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

**The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in memory of
Neal Gerard Broussard**

**The Blessed Mother Devotional Candle this week burns
in memory of
M/M Augustin Gaspard**

MASS INTENTIONS

for the Week of March 22nd—28th, 2010

**MONDAY: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62;
Jn 8:12-20**

6:30 A.M. Marie Lee B. Belaire

TUESDAY: Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30 St. Toribio de Mogrovejo

6:30 A.M. Ryan Hardy

12:05 P.M. Christopher Michael Hollier

WEDNESDAY: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42

6:30 A.M. Peter Thong Minh Tran; Leah Broussard; Those who have no one to pray for them; Those who have passed away; M/M Fernand Montagne; Therese & Luke Langlinais & Fly.; Dr. & Mrs. P.O. Landry & Fly.; ; M/M Murphy Libersat & Fly.; Linh hon mo coi; John Vidos; J.C. Ledet; Joseph L. Broussard; Benson Gary (Ann.); Personal Intentions; Flo Bordelon

THURSDAY: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4—10; Lk 1:26-38

The Annunciation of the Lord

6:30 A.M. M/M Dennis A. LeBlanc (Ann.)

12:05 P.M. Ivy & Annie Matthews

FRIDAY: Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42

6:30 A.M. Gregory Moss

SATURDAY: Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56

6:30 A.M. Neal G. Broussard (Ann.)

VIGIL OF PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14-23:56

4:00 P.M. John Wesley Broussard; Jim Bouse; M/M Murphy Libersat & Fly.; Justin "Jay" Broussard, Jr.; Justin Broussard; Phero Nguyen; Nicole LeBlanc; E.J. Adams; M/M John Vigneaux; M/M Fernand Montagne; Jeannette M. Motty; Eleanor Bares & Fly.; M/M John Nugier; George Veazey Fly.; Dôminicô Giac Tran; Maria Quet Nguyen; Michael B. Faulk; Those who have no one to pray for them; Those who have passed away; Robie Russo; Elvina Bourque & Fly.; Whitney & Rita Bonin; Ot-hon & Alma Trahan; M/M Sam Guarino & Fly.; Mrs. Enid Guarino; Josephine Guarino; Roger Sellers; Peter Thong Minh Tran; John Vidos; Leonard & Wayne Sellers; Ray Frederick; M/M Stanley Morton; M/M Alas Hebert & Fly.; Joy P. Awwad; Sherman Ditch Fly.; M/M Elwood Noel; Sadie Noel Guidry; J.C. Ledet; Ned Theall; Vincente Vu V. Tu; Maria Nguyen T. Duyen; Dominico Tran Vinh; Gail Spears; Norman J. Romero

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14-23:56

7:00 A.M. Felicien Romero & Fly.

9:30 A.M. M/M Arno Touchet & Fly.

11:00 A.M. For the Parishioners

5:30 P.M. Lt. Col. (Ret.) John P. Regan

Spiritual Life and Worship

Baptisms

Izabella Fayth Jensen, daughter of Blade Anthony Jensen and Kristin Marie Snead

With few cases of influenza and warmer weather approaching we will resume the Sign of Peace handshake at the Easter Vigil Mass. While the Sign of Peace is considered an optional part of the Liturgy it is also expected. Thanks for your understanding during the past flu season.

ST. MARY MAGDALEN PARISH LENTEN MISSION

The St. Mary Magdalen parish Lenten Mission will be presented by Fr. Jim Brady, Associate Pastor of St. Michael the Archangel in Crowley. The topic of the mission will be **"The Nature of Suffering"** and will be presented within the context of Mass each evening.

The mission will explore the nature of suffering, including the origin of suffering, how suffering is redeemed by Jesus Christ, and how we process suffering in our lives by configuring our suffering to Jesus. More specifically, the mission will try to answer these common questions- If God is all good, why do people suffer? What does it mean to "offer up" suffering? Why do bad things happen to good people, and good things happen to people we think are bad?

The weekend of March 20 & 21, Fr. Brady will speak at all Masses to introduce the mission and then the mission will continue for the next two evenings, March 22 & 23 at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to join us for this event.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Children's Liturgy of the Word ministry is very popular with the little children of our parish. They are able to attend a short lesson on the Gospel and themes of the week, do a simple craft (usually coloring a picture or puzzle pertaining to the lesson), and get a small prize like stickers or pencils. Sadly, we may not be able to continue this ministry if we do not have volunteers to help the children.

Please consider becoming a volunteer. All materials (a kit containing the lesson, copies and projects are provided for you). All supplies for the children are already located in the Ministries Building. **We extend a special invitation to those parents whose children attend Children's Liturgy on a regular basis.** You will be placed on a rotation schedule so you may serve as little as once a month or less. In fact, the more volunteers we have, the less any one person will have to serve.

Please call Melissa at 893-0391 if you are interested in finding out more information or becoming a volunteer for this great program.

ST. MARY MAGDALEN PARISH LENTEN EVENTS

Weekday Masses ~

Monday- Saturday at 6:30 a.m.

Tuesdays & Thursdays: additional Mass at 12:05 p.m.

Note: Mass on Mondays and Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m. at St. Theresa

Way of the Cross ~

Every Friday in Lent at 5:30 p.m. in Church

Confessions ~

Saturdays: 2:30- 3:30 p.m. & Sundays: 4:45- 5:15 p.m.

Before all weekday Masses or by appointment

Parish Lenten Mission ~

Lenten Mission will be held on March 21, 22, 23 presented by Fr. Jim Brady (See box to the left for more info.)

Tenebrae ~

Palm Sunday, March 28th at 7:00 p.m. *A program of prayer, chant and choral music featuring adult and children's choirs*

Sacred Triduum Schedule ~

Holy Thursday: 6:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday: 3:00 p.m. Veneration of the Cross

Easter Vigil: 8:00 p.m. (fulfills Sunday obligation)

Easter Sunday: 7:00, 9:30, & 11:00 a.m.

(Note: 2:00 p.m. Vietnamese Mass & 5:30 p.m. Mass will not be held)

DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE 2010

"God's Mercy Endures Forever"

****This has been very popular and is getting wonderful response so please do not delay in registering for this event!**

Guest Speakers

Rev. Hampton Davis, Immaculee Ilibagiza, Marcus Grodi, Dr. Bryan Thatcher, Annie Karto, Rev. Michael Champagne

Saturday, April 10, 2010

Doors open at 7:00 a.m.

Cajundome Convention Center

Conference fee- \$25 per person

Contact

Mary Bergeron 337-654-8682

mbergeron@centralregiononline.org

Conference may be used for Catechist Cert. credits/Religion Hours. Call for information regarding catechist credits. In addition to the conference on Saturday there will be a Mass on **Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, 2319 Johnston St., Lafayette.** Celebrant for the Mass will be The Most Reverend Michael Jarrell and guest Homilist will be The Most Reverend Glen Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles. All are invited to attend!

Community Life and Outreach

MALTRAIT MEMORIAL 2010 SPRING BAZAAR

Maltrait Memorial Annual Spring Bazaar will be held **March 26, 27, and 28** on the Maltrait School grounds located at 612 North Hebert Avenue, Kaplan. We would like to invite you, your family and friends to join us in the celebration. There will be live music, a street fair, Bingo, games, sweets, a boutique, Spring plants, Grand Raffle and more. The best food around will be featured daily at the Bazaar: Friday night enjoy the seafood patio and other seafood delights, Saturday night a delicious gourmet supper will be served and Sunday the popular Jambalaya cook-off will take place. There will be something everyone will enjoy. For more information, please call the school office at 337-643-7765 or visit our website at www.vrml.k12.la.us/mmcs/. We look forward to seeing you at the Bazaar!

VC-CARMEL MAY FEST RAFFLE TICKETS

VC-Carmel May Fest raffle tickets are on sale now!!! This year's Grand Prize is \$7,500, 2nd prize is \$2,000 and 3rd prize is \$500. Special thanks to Bank of Abbeville, Bank of Erath, Bay City Ford, Capital One Bank, Courtesy of Vermilion, Frenzel Motors, Gulf Coast Bank and Ray Chevrolet for prize monies donated. Tickets are only \$1.00, or buy a book for \$20. Drawing will be held Sunday, May 2nd. Call Mt. Carmel at 898-0859 or VC at 893-6636 for your chance to win and support Catholic education in Abbeville.

MEN'S ULTREYA

Men's Ultreya meets every other Tuesday evening. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, March 23 at 7:00 p.m. For more information call Billy Vincent at 517-9401.

PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY

Since beginning our Prayer Blanket Ministry a few years ago we have grown tremendously. This is a symbol of the faith sharing community here at St. Mary Magdalen.

We are a non-profit ministry so we rely solely on volunteers. Caring volunteers commit to pray for the recipient as they construct the blankets. We are again in need of volunteers to cut fabric, sewers, and donations of thread and fabric. Also, monetary donations would be gratefully accepted. If you or someone you know would like to help, please call Suzanne Meaux 893-8969 or Anne Guilbeaux 893-8093. Remember anyone—adults or children enduring physical or emotional suffering and others who just need to feel the enormous gift of love and warmth that emanates from the small blankets may receive one. There is no charge for the prayer blanket and they are not for sale.



Mrs. Anne Guilbeaux

FRIED FISH DINNERS DURING LENT

Vermilion Catholic High School will be selling fried fish dinners on Friday evenings in Lent. The dinners will consist of fried fish, french fries, coleslaw and bread for \$8. The dinners will be available from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. and can be picked up at the school during those hours. Tickets will be available for purchase at the school office during the day from 7:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

VC DRAMA CLUB TO HOLD MYSTERY DINNER

The Vermilion Catholic Drama Club presents **Death and Deceit on the Nile** written by Peter De Pietro on **Saturday, April 17th at 6:00 p.m. in the VC Gym**. The performance will begin promptly at 6:00 p.m. and the first course will be served shortly after. Please be at the venue for 5:45 p.m. Seating is first come first serve and limited so be sure to purchase tickets ahead of time. Tickets are \$15 and are available at the school Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP JULY 5TH - JULY 9TH

"Cool Kingdom Party— Mary Leads Me Closer To Jesus".

At this point we are not accepting registration for children to attend bible camp. We need 45 more volunteers before we will be ready to fully prepare to accept 100 campers. Special thanks to all of you who have stepped up for our core team. Now we pray for more volunteers to walk the children around to each station throughout the week. Please pass the word that we need help—without this help VBS will not be able to accept 100 kids.

We need to have all volunteers signed up by no later than April 30th. Please don't delay, call Kessie Thomas (892-7044) or Jenni Boudreaux (893-5962) or email us at cajun-powerfamily@yahoo.com. Last year was a huge success! Is God calling you to be part of that this year? Pray and ask Him and say "yes" to the call.

ST. ANN'S ALTAR SOCIETY

Altar Society News: Now that we have moved back into our beautiful church the ladies of the St. Ann's Altar Society of St. Mary Magdalen parish have resumed their responsibilities. For those who do not know what we are about, we are a group of ladies who volunteer to tidy up the upper church, the chapel, iron altar linens, iron and change altar cloths, see that the priest's vestments are clean and pressed, as well as the altar servers and extraordinary ministers. We welcome all women parishioners to join us in this great form of stewardship. Our dues are only \$10 per year and we even allow you to pick your job. Come join us as we are fun loving as well. Coming soon: news about our upcoming spring pilgrimage!

Christian Formation

First Communion Program 2010

Next CCD Preparation Class
Saturday, March 27th 8:00 a.m.—9:00 a.m.
Ministries Building

Practice for First Communion:

Saturday, April 10th, 2010 8:00 -9:00 a.m. SMM Church

Sacrament of First Communion:

Saturday, April 17th, 2010 9:00 a.m. SMM Church

SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM 2010

As part of the ongoing mission of the safety of our children the Diocese of Lafayette has approved the use of the **VIRTUS** Protecting God's Children Online Awareness Training. This is only for those volunteers who are in need of **Continuing Education**. Initial Trainings must still be attended in a live session. The **VIRTUS** program brings with it a multitude of advantages, probably the greatest being that now Continuing Education can be done at YOUR convenience.

To access the Protecting God's Children Awareness Training simply go to www.virtus.org click on the "Registration" link highlighted in yellow and select "Begin the registration process". The training module will take approximately one hour and email notification will be sent that you have completed the session.

APRIL FRIENDS DAY

Friends Day is scheduled for **April 17th at the Community of Jesus Crucified, 421 1/2 Carmel Drive, Lafayette**. The day begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends with the celebration of Mass at Noon. The theme for the day will be "**What is Paschal Time?**" (Season after Easter until Trinity Sunday). Fr. Thomas Habetz will be the guest speaker for the day. Everyone is invited to attend, registration is not necessary. For more information contact Gloria Matte at 337-896-0524.

HEALING AND DELIVERANCE WORKSHOP

Healing and Deliverance Workshop with Dr. William Mitchell followed by monthly charismatic "Sunday Vigil" Mass— **Saturday, March 27th**. Workshop from 1:00— 5:00 p.m. at the Parish Library at Our Lady Queen of Peace, 145 MLK, Jr. Drive, Lafayette, and Mass at 7:00 p.m. in Church. Dr. Mitchell is well known for his gift of teaching and ministering inner healing and deliverance in the gulf coast area. Celebrant and homilist for the Mass is Fr. Paul Onuegbe from Loreauville. Music ministry by George Hill and "Spirit of Joy" with 6:30 p.m. pre-Mass praise session, prophecy after communion, confessions before and after Mass. Fellowship and refreshments following Mass. Call the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Office for more information at 265-3773.

"If it were given to a man to see virtue's reward in the next world, he would occupy his intellect, memory and will in nothing but good works, careless of danger or fatigue."

~ SAINT CATHERINE OF GENOA

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

Next Confirmation Preparation Class
Sunday, March 21, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.
VC Auditorium

***Reminder: Sponsor forms must be turned into the parish office as soon as possible!**

Practice for Confirmation Ceremony

Sunday, April 18th, 2010 6:45 p.m. in St. MM Church

Sacrament of Confirmation Ceremony

Sunday, April 25th, 2010 5:30 p.m. in St. MM Church

SAVE THE DATES!!!! SUMMER 2010 CCD PROGRAM JULY 12-16 TO JULY 19-23

IMPORTANT CCD INFORMATION

Attendance Policy:

For the St. Mary Magdalen Summer 2010 CCD program there will be no make-up opportunities. Diocesan policy requires a child miss no more than 2 days of CCD. Days missed (no more than 2) must be documented with a valid medical excuse.

If you know a child will not fulfill the attendance requirements of St. Mary Magdalen's CCD Program, one of three other CCD programs must be attended in it's entirety to avoid repeat of that grade level. This option will require, at time of enrollment, a letter of permission from the Pastor of your church parish.

St. Theresa CCD— June 7-18
 Holy Rosary CCD— June 14-25
 SMM CCD— July 12-23

1st and 10th Grade CCD:

These grades are very important in laying the foundation for the Sacramental year that follows. Therefore, attendance and passing grade of 1st and 10th grade CCD is a mandatory requirement before moving into the St. Mary Magdalen First Communion and Confirmation Programs. Failure to attend, any absences without a valid medical excuse, and/or missing more than 2 days will result in delay of the Sacrament and repeat of 1st or 10th grade CCD.

For information about Sacramental programs, call Eileen and for information about CCD call Amanda, both at the parish office (893-0244).

Total Stewardship and Development

In order to publish this information in a timely manner, this week page 5 is temporarily devoted to the U.S. Catholic Bishops statement on the state of health care reform.

The Cost is too High; the Loss is too Great Cardinal Francis George, OMI

The Catholic Bishops of the United States have long and consistently advocated for the reform of the American health care system. Their experience in health care and in Catholic parishes has acquainted them with the anguish of mothers who are unable to afford prenatal care, of families unable to ensure quality care for their children, and of those who cannot obtain insurance because of preexisting conditions.

Throughout the discussion on health care over the last year, the bishops have advocated a bipartisan approach to solving our national health care needs. They have urged that all who are sick, injured or in need receive necessary and appropriate medical assistance, and that no one be deliberately killed through an expansion of federal funding of abortion itself or of insurance plans that cover abortion. These are the provisions of the long standing Hyde Amendment, passed annually in every federal bill appropriating funds for health care; and surveys show this legislation reflects the will of the majority of our fellow citizens. The American people and the Catholic bishops have been promised that, in any final bill, no federal funds would be used for abortion and that the legal status quo would be respected.

However, the bishops were left disappointed and puzzled to learn that the basis for any vote on health care will be the Senate bill passed on Christmas Eve. Notwithstanding the denials and explanations of its supporters, and unlike the bill approved by the House of Representatives in November, the Senate bill deliberately excludes the language of the Hyde Amendment. It expands federal funding and the role of federal government in the provision of abortion procedures. In so doing, it forces all of us to become involved in an act that profoundly violates the conscience of many, deliberate destruction of unwanted members of the human family still waiting to be born.

What do the bishops find so deeply disturbing about the Senate bill? The points at issue can be summarized briefly. The status quo in federal abortion policy, as reflected in the Hyde Amendment, excludes abortion from all health insurance plans receiving federal subsidies. In the Senate bill, there is the provision that only one of the proposed multi-state plans will **not** cover elective abortions—all other plans (including other multi-state plans) can do so, and receive federal tax credits. This means that individuals or families in complex medical circumstances will likely be forced to choose and contribute to an insurance plan that funds abortions in order to meet their particular health needs.

Further, the Senate bill authorizes and appropriates billions of dollars in new funding outside the scope of the appropriations bill covered by the Hyde Amendment and similar provisions. As the bill is written, the new funds it appropriates over the next five years, for Community Health Centers for example (Sec.10503), will be available by statute for elective abortions, even though present regulations do conform to the Hyde Amendment. Regulations, however, can be changed at will, unless they are governed by statute.

Additionally, no provision in the Senate bill incorporates the longstanding and widely supported protection for conscience regarding abortion as found in the Hyde/Weldon Amendment. Moreover, neither the House nor Senate bill contains meaningful conscience protection outside the abortion context. Any final bill, to be fair to all, must retain the accommodation of the full range of religious and moral objections in the provisions of health insurance and services that are contained in current law, for both individuals and institutions.

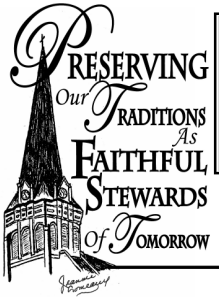
This analysis of the flaws in the legislation is not completely shared by the leaders of the Catholic Health Association. They believe, moreover, that the defects that they do recognize can be corrected after the passage of the final bill. The bishops, however, judge that the flaws are so fundamental that they vitiate the good that the bill intends to promote. Assurances that the moral objections to the legislation can be met only after the bill is passed seem a little like asking us, in Midwestern parlance, to buy a pig in a poke.

What is tragic about this turn of events is that it needn't have happened. The status quo that has served our national consensus and respected the consciences of all with regard to abortion is the Hyde Amendment. The House courageously included an amendment applying the Hyde policy to its Health Care bill passed in November. Its absence in the Senate bill and the resulting impasse are not an accident. Those in the Senate who wanted to purge the Hyde Amendment from this national legislation are obstructing the reform of health care.

This is not quibbling over technicalities. The deliberate omission in the Senate bill of the necessary language that could have taken this moral question off the table and out of play leaves us still looking for a way to meet the President's and our concern to provide health care for those millions whose primary care physician is now an emergency room doctor. As Pope Benedict told Ambassador to the Holy See Miguel H. Diaz when he presented his credentials the United States government's representative to the Holy See, there is "an indissoluble bond between an ethic of life and every other aspect of social ethics."

Two basic principles, therefore, continue to shape the concerns of the Catholic bishops: health care means taking care of the health needs of all, across the human life span; and the expansion of health care should not involve the expansion of abortion funding and of policies forcing everyone to pay for abortions. Because these principles have not been respected, despite the good that the bill under consideration intends or might achieve, the Catholic bishops regretfully hold that it must be opposed unless and until these serious moral problems are addressed.

Management and Finance



St. Mary Magdalen Parish Capital Campaign

CAMPAIGN OPERATIONAL CHAIRS:

Pat & Vickie Patout and Charles & Mary Ellen Sonnier
Brady Broussard, Jr. Chairperson of Stewardship and Development Commission
Contact Peggy Ashley at the Campaign Office at 893-0244.

Congratulations and Thank You!

Total gifts and pledges in Phase II
\$ 2,004,670.66

Because of the generosity of the parishioners of St. Mary Magdalen, we have reached this milestone. Those who chose to utilize the pledge payment system are faithfully sending in their payments. With this new total, we have \$895,329.34 before we reach our goal of \$2.9 million. Please continue the generous donations and we will quickly meet our goal.

Memorial opportunities are still available. Memorials may be pledged over a three year period. To reserve a remaining memorial please contact Peggy Ashley at the campaign office at 893-0244. Memorials are available on a first come, first serve basis.

Work Status Update

The contractors will be working next week to stain and seal the baseboard molding in the sanctuary and around the doors to the sacristy.